IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

AYMEN RAMADAN ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/521,896

FILED: March 9, 2000

VERTEBRAE

GROUP ART UNIT: 3738

EXAMINER: S. Jackson

ATTY. REFERENCE: RAMA3001/JEK/

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above Rentified application.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

FOR: DISK PROSTHESIS FOR CERVICAL

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Previo	t*Nümber usly Paid For	and mark	perdi di ci	Q di	Small Ent	Adjusting Section	Full Fee
Total Claims	14	-	20	=	0	3 ×	\$ 9 =	\$0.00	× \$ 18 =
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	3 ×	\$ 42 =	\$0.00	× \$ 84 =
☐ First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim							\$140 =		+ \$280 =
					TOTAL		\$0.00		

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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account Number 02-0200 in the amount of \$_\$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- A check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the Extension of Time fee is attached.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- Also enclosed is/are: Petition for Extension of Time; Abstract; Marked-up Copy of Original Abstract; Appendix of Marked-Up Specification; and Formal drawing with Figs. 1-6

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2001 (Paper No. 5) in the above application. A Petition for Extension Of Time extending the period for response and the requisite fee is attached hereto. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the original abstract and substitute therefor the new ABSTRACT presented on a separate page appended hereto, as well as a marked-up version of the original Abstract.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the originally filed drawing with the drawing of the Figures 1-6 appended hereto. Approval of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

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